

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:

receiving, by a central server, an image from an image capture device, in which the image capture device generates an image of an area in which human activity is desired to be substantially nonexistent;

determining, by the central server, information related to the area;

receiving, by the central server and from a first use device, a request for a first user to monitor the area;

receiving, by the central server and from the first use device, a user identifier;

verifying, by the central server, that the user identifier corresponds to the first user;

providing, by the central server and via the first use device, the first user with the image;

receiving, by the central server and from the first use device, a response to the image by the first user, in which the response is one of: an indication that a human is present in the image, an indication that no human is present in the image, and an indication of uncertainty whether a human is present in the image;

providing, by the central server, additional users with the image;

receiving, by the central server and from additional user devices, responses to the image by the additional users;

evaluating, by the central server, the received responses to determine if a notification situation exists;

determining, by the central server and based on the information related to the area, an entity to notify; and

notifying, by the central server and in the case that the evaluating of the received responses determines that a notification situation exists, the entity.

19-60. (Cancelled)

61. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:
- receiving, by a central server, an image of an object from an image capture device situated in a particular area;
 - routing, by the central server, the image of the object to a plurality of remote viewers by transmitting an indication of the image of the object to a plurality of remote viewer devices, each remote viewer device being operated by one of the plurality of remote viewers;
 - requesting, by the central server, that each remote viewer of the plurality of remote viewers provide an indication of whether the image of the object matches a reference image of a particular object; and
 - receiving, by the central server and from each remote viewer device of the plurality of remote viewer devices, the indication of whether the image of the object matches the reference image of the particular object; and
 - triggering, by the central server and based on the received indications from the plurality of remote viewer devices of whether the image of the object matches the reference image of the particular object, an alarm condition.

62-75. (Cancelled)

76. (New) A central server, comprising:
- a processor; and
 - a memory in communication with the processor, the memory storing instructions that when executed by the processor result in:
 - receiving an image from an image capture device, in which the image capture device generates an image of an area in which human activity is desired to be substantially nonexistent;
 - determining information related to the area;
 - receiving, from a first use device, a request for a first user to monitor the area;
 - receiving, from the first use device, a user identifier;

verifying that the user identifier corresponds to the first user;
providing, via the first use device, the first user with the image;
receiving, from the first use device, a response to the image by the first user, in which the response is one of: an indication that a human is present in the image, an indication that no human is present in the image, and an indication of uncertainty whether a human is present in the image;
providing additional users with the image;
receiving, from additional user devices, responses to the image by the additional users;
evaluating the received responses to determine if a notification situation exists;
determining, based on the information related to the area, an entity to notify; and
notifying, in the case that the evaluating of the received responses determines that a notification situation exists, the entity.

77. (New) A central server, comprising:

a processor; and
a memory in communication with the processor, the memory storing instructions that when executed by the processor result in:
receiving an image of an object from an image capture device situated in a particular area;
routing the image of the object to a plurality of remote viewers by transmitting an indication of the image of the object to a plurality of remote viewer devices, each remote viewer device being operated by one of the plurality of remote viewers;
requesting that each remote viewer of the plurality of remote viewers provide an indication of whether the image of the object matches a reference image of a particular object;

receiving, from each remote viewer device of the plurality of remote viewer devices, the indication of whether the image of the object matches the reference image of the particular object; and

triggering, based on the received indications from the plurality of remote viewer devices of whether the image of the object matches the reference image of the particular object, an alarm condition.